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Senate fills seat, eyes system growth

By JULIE LARSEN

A new student senate appointment and the possible expansion of the existing Student Government computer system were two of the items discussed at the senate meeting Thursday.

Sen. Michael Slater was appointed to the graduate seat. Sen. Slater said he has a lot to contribute to the senate.

"There's no specific thing I have in mind yet," Slater said. "As I learn and as I find key areas, I'll focus on the key areas, whether it be the budget or the study of legislation."

Chief Administrative Officer Steve Meacham opened discussion on the possibility of expanding the Student Government's computer system to interact with other university services such as Telnet and Mestia.

Meacham said that if the existing system was compatible with the other systems, the hookup could cost \$2500.

Sen. Stephen Srb, representative for the College of Fine Arts, voiced opposition to the modification.

"What you're saying is that we (Senate) will spend \$2500 so we don't have to walk over to Eppley?" Srb said. "If it's going to cost money, I'm going to raise hell."

Meacham said nothing had been finalized and he had only proposed that the system be examined.

Sens. Heidi Hess and Mike Kennedy expressed interest in the system evaluation.

"If they come down and look at it (the system), we're not making a commitment," Sen. Hess said.

Other topics of discussion were the \$13.98 million in proposed budget cuts for the NU system, student efforts to combat the cuts, and the senate attendance policy.

Student President/Regent Jennifer Newhouse voiced concern over the lack of student interest in attending the appropriations meeting in Lincoln, scheduled for today at noon.

"Nobody's going," Newhouse said. "Only seven people have signed up to go."

The senate voted to table the attendance policy issue to the senate floor indefinitely.

In other business, the senate voted to support the donation of the old editions of used books to Romania and appointed Sen. Patrick Flanigan to the student affairs committee and Sen. Mark Cox to the oversight committee.



Zap!

—Ed Carlson

Dale Morton, a Campus Security officer, aims his radar gun Thursday.

Student fees face a \$1 increase

By KIM DESPINS

UNO may see a slight increase in student fees next fall.

The fees for Fund B may be raised from \$50 to \$51. The higher fee would cover increases in the Student Center fee and a co-curricular fee, said Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of Educational and Student Services. Each would go up 50 cents beginning July 1, 1993, if the plan is approved by the Board of Regents.

Students currently pay \$57.50 in fees, including Fund A fees. If the budget is approved, the fees will be raised to \$58.50.

Fund B supports co-curricular activities, the Student Center, Campus Recreation and a facilities fund.

The co-curricular fee, Hoover said, includes men's and women's varsity athletics, campus musical groups like the marching band and gospel choir, and Health Services. Co-curricular activities now receive \$20.25 from each student and under the proposal that amount would increase to \$20.75. Co-curricular activities now gets a total of \$706,907 in student fees. That amount would go up to \$735,056 if the proposal is passed.

The Student Center would receive \$15.25 from each student, up from the current \$14.75. It now receives a total of \$515,376, which would go up to \$541,282 under the new proposal.

Campus Recreation will continue to receive \$14.25 from each student, but the total amount will increase from \$498,016 to \$505,879 because of increased enrollment.

A facilities fund, which will be used to replace the astroturf on Al Caniglia Field, will continue to receive 75 cents from each student. It now receives a total of \$26,247, which would increase to \$26,626 with increased enrollment.

Fund A fees are used to fund Student Government, student agencies, Student Programming Organization and the Gateway.

Nemec provides service with a splash



John Nemec says being a lifeguard isn't easy. —Ed Carlson

By JULIA M. YBARRA

Sitting in a chair for four hours watching swimmers play in the water may seem like an easy job. John Nemec disagrees.

"You have to go through rigorous swim and rescue techniques," Nemec says. "You also have to be certified in CPR (CardioPulmonary Resuscitation) and first aid."

Nemec, recently promoted to head lifeguard, works five days a week at the pool in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) building. Although he spends a lot of time working toward a Fine Arts degree, he says his lifeguard career began as a physical education requirement.

"I had to take a lifeguard class as a gym course and decided

BEHIND The scenes

I liked it," Nemec says, leaning back in his chair and cradling the back of his head with his hands. "I came back here and got a job at the West YMCA. I applied here at UNO back in '89 — been here three years and I might stay on as a graduate assistant."

He sits in the office chair before donning the neon pink shorts that all the lifeguards wear. He admits the uniforms have drawn comments.

"At least they can see us easily," Nemec remarks.

Once in uniform, he enters the indoor pool area. Three lifeguard chairs and six "No Diving" signs surround the water. Nemec says sometimes people ignore the signs.

Although the part of the pool open to the public is too shallow for diving, the other end is 14 feet deep and has three

diving boards. That end, however, is sectioned off and only people who pass a proficiency test are allowed to swim there.

"They can swim in the deep end, with adequate guards, if they can swim 25 yards — the length of the pool — and swim underwater 20 feet," Nemec says. "The Master's Swim Club are the ones who usually are on that side; they swim 2000 yards a day."

Nemec climbs up the ladder to the lifeguard chair. A 20-foot long blue pole with a loop on the end, called a Shepard's Crook, leans against the chair, ready for anyone who needs to be tugged out of the water. The chair is also equipped with a "rescue tube," a big red belt attached to a rope, which the lifeguards use as a life preserver.

"We've been really lucky," Nemec says. "I never had to do anything here except jump in for the little kids. It's only four-feet so the adults just stand up. Haven't been any accidents."

Although there haven't been any major accidents, Nemec says minor backstroke collisions have occurred.

"Once you get to the flags, you get one more (arm) revolution before the wall," Nemec says, gesturing towards the ropes of small flags suspended across the water.

"The other night," he begins, "some girl was doing the backstroke. She was close to the edge and I said 'Watch yer ...' but I didn't get a chance to finish. She clunked her head a good one. I went over to her and told her not to be embarrassed; we've all done it."

Nemec sits atop the lifeguard chair watching five swimmers. His feet on the base of the platform, he rests his elbows on his knees and shifts his gaze from swimmer to swimmer.

"It's interesting to see instructors come in here off duty,"

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SABC passes budget to Senate

By DAVE BORYGA

The preliminary SABC budget did not escape Thursday's final hearing without a few changes.

After receiving a cut of 15 cents per student at a preliminary hearing last month, SPO was given an increase of 5 cents per student.

SPO's \$2.35 per capita allocation was raised to \$2.40 for the 1993-1995 school years.

SABC member Matt Schulz recommended the increase because he felt the organization was moving in the right direction.

In order to make up for the initial cut in funds, John Heaston, director of SPO, took the suggestions of SABC and made several changes. These changes included the dropping of the comedy shop, reduction of catering and lighting for twi-

light entertainment and the total removal of the Films committee.

"We were trying to impress upon them the film series was not a worthy expenditure," Heidi Jeanne Hess, member of SABC said. "They had a good plan without the films."

"With the cuts in UNO's library budget, it's important that the student agencies build libraries of their own."

—Heidi Jeanne Hess, SABC member

American Multicultural Students (AMS) was given a \$500 increase to raise its total budget from a previously recommended \$10,288 to \$10,788.

"They needed the extra money for

travel," Hess said. "AMS really does a lot in trying to recruit minority students where they live."

AMS also received the extra money to buy new books and subscriptions to create a library for student information.

"With the cuts in UNO's library budget, it's important that the student agencies build libraries of their own," Hess said.

The proposed budgets for the remaining organizations remained the same as in previous hearings. These include: \$63,546 for the Gateway; \$7,200 for International Student Services; \$44,501 for the UNO Student Government;

\$11,624 for the Women's Resource Center and \$2,875 for the Council for Community and Legislative Relations.

The SABC budget will now go to the Student Senate on March 18 for final approval.

News Clips

Plays explore topics of men, college problems

"5 O'Clock Shadows," by Stephen J. O'Toole, will be presented tonight at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The program weaves together personal histories, illuminating the forces that make some men violent.

"Higher Education" will be performed tomorrow at noon in the Eppley Auditorium. The one-act play explores substance abuse and acquaintance rape.

Both programs are sponsored by Lift-Up and the Women's Resource Center.

Taylor to speak on making schools effective

"Effective Schools: What Makes Them Tick?" is the subject of Dr. Barbara Taylor's talk tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Eppley Auditorium.

Taylor will look at the management of change, education for low-income students, ethnographic research and systemic school reform.

Taylor co-founded the National Center for Effective Schools Research and Development. Her areas of research include the management of change, organizational theory and development and policy implementation.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For special accommodations call 554-3530.

Taylor's speech is presented by the College of Education as a part of the Distinguished Lecturer Series.

City Council candidates to discuss views at UNO

The UNO Student Democrats are sponsoring a Meet the Candidates Day this Friday from noon until 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Candidates for the Omaha City Council primary, held April 6, will give short presentations and answer questions from the audience.

Brown bag luncheon looks at "Old Jules"

Dr. Barbara Rippey and Campus Pastor Darrel Berg will discuss "Old Jules" by Marl Sandoz today at noon in the Student Center Gallery Room.

Rippey, a professor of English at the College of St. Mary, has done a masters and a doctorate in Sandoz studies.

The discussion is a brown bag luncheon event.

Ecology Now to sponsor recycling drive Saturday

UNO Ecology Now will hold a recycling drive on campus this Saturday in Parking Lot F, northwest of the Durham Science Center, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Items for recycling include glass, tin, newspaper, computer paper, numbers one and two plastic and large, white, metal appliances.



Dining — international style

—Ed Carlson

Linda Yang, left, Lisa Yang and Marchell Yang participate in festivities at the international banquet Saturday.

Discussing sex important

By JULIE LARSEN

Jane Woody, social work professor at UNO, stressed the importance of open and effective communication about sex in a discussion Thursday at the Women's Resource Center.

Woody, who is also a certified marriage, family and sex therapist, said that good, open, honest communication is a strength to all relationships. However, people may be able to communicate well on other topics, but not on sex.

"Sex is still a taboo topic between partners," Woody said. "People don't know how to say 'I need to know about your sexual background.'"

Woody suggested practice or role-playing with a friend in order to get comfortable with talking about sex with a partner.

"You need to be concerned about yourself as well as your partner. Communication takes effort," she said.

Woody said not to expect a partner to be a "psychic" and know wishes and preferences.

"What it boils down to is straightforward talk about sex," she said.

Other issues discussed were sex education in the schools and parent/child communication about sex.

Jo Ann Maynard, a social work major, said she attended the discussion out of curiosity. Maynard said the discussion was beneficial.

"It's good that people can get together and talk about this," Maynard said. "Communication is the only way to solve these problems."

Gore to visit UNO campus

Vice President Al Gore will appear Wednesday in the New Fine Arts Building from 3:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.

Gore plans to answer questions from students.

"He specifically wants to make sure that people who supported the Democratic ticket during the election can get in the door," said Terry Forman, student activities manager.

Gore doesn't want the audience limited to supporters only, though.

"He wants a mix of people to be represented," Forman said.

Student services is reserving tickets for those who call before 11 a.m. today. Seating is limited to 150.

Hoagland defends Clinton's plan

By ELIZABETH TAPE

U.S. Congressman Peter Hoagland met with about 450 Omaha residents to discuss President Clinton's new economic plan Sunday at a town hall meeting in the Student Center.

Also on the podium were Roy Smith, president of the H.P. Smith car dealership and Gordon McDonald, former state senator and president of Nebraska's AFL-CIO, representing opposing views of Clinton's plan.

Hoagland began by thanking the audience for attending and for helping him with his "search for truth."

Using three charts, Hoagland addressed the urgency of reducing the deficit quickly because of its drag on the economy.

Hoagland also noted how fast the debt increased in the past 12 years, commenting that interest payments "are funds that would otherwise be used to educate our children, to put our people back to work, to increase productivity, to increase the standard of living."

He described the three-part Clinton proposal: First, he said, "a stimulus package amounting to about \$30 billion to put people back to work and get the economy back on the right track, second, spending cuts, and third, tax increases."

Offering details of the president's proposed income tax increase, Hoagland said families with an income between \$20 thousand and \$30 thousand will have virtually no tax increase.

Further, Hoagland said, only those with incomes in the upper 1.5 percent of those in the nation would have their taxes increased.

About the proposed energy tax increase, Hoagland said families with yearly incomes in the \$30,000 to \$60,000 range could expect a \$130 to \$140 increase per year.

Hoagland went on to say, "Those couples with an adjusted gross income over \$32,000 will have 85 percent instead of 50 percent of



U.S. Congressman Peter Hoagland speaks to a Student Center audience Sunday.

—ED CARLSON

their social security income treated as taxable."

Moving on to his own proposed budget cuts, Hoagland cited two. First, he suggested cancelling the superconducting supercollider project, a proposal which received enthusiastic support from the crowd. Second, he suggested postponing the space station at least 10 to 15 years.

"True, a lot of interesting scientific information can be learned by exploring space," he said, "but the reality is that the space station is going to cost us about \$40 billion to build and

another \$90 billion to operate over 30 years. In today's reality, we cannot afford it, and let's postpone it until we can."

After opening remarks from opposition panelist Smith and proponent panelist McDonald, questions were taken from the audience. One theme addressed by many speakers was a call for spending cuts.

After the two-hour meeting, Hoagland met with reporters and spoke about the origins of our current economic situation.

"There's plenty of blame to go around. When President Reagan came into office, he

cut income taxes by one-fourth and doubled defense spending, and the Democrats got the spending on people programs that it wanted. In the last 12 years, the national debt has gone from about \$800 billion to over \$4 trillion."

In placing our current situation in the context of 20th century America, Hoagland said, "There is a potential for us to undergo some changes nearly as fundamental as those coming out of the Depression. I think we're going to see in the early Clinton administration one of the major periods of change we've had in this century."

WOMEN OF COLOR FORUM

"Challenges Facing Women of Color Today"

Moderator: Anneliesa Cawthon, *Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs*

Panelist Include: • Dr. Rita Melgares, *Attorney*

- Carole Woods-Harris, *Douglas County Commissioner District 3*
- UNO Administration Staff & Faculty

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Opinions and Viewpoints

Religions can be confusing

What's up, Buzz? You look as though you went through a fight with a two-by-four.

"Oh, I was up all night arguin' with the woman."

How come?

"I told her I was thinking of becoming an atheist."

What? You? The devout man that you are?

"I know. Rub it in. But I'm beginning to think we'd all be better off without religion. With all these nuts goin' around shooting people or blowin' 'em up, and calling themselves Jesus and everything, I gotta wonder where God is in all this?"

I suppose you're talking about David Koresh?

"Him and Jim Jones an' all those others callin' themselves messiahs. I don't know what gets into them that they start believing they're Jesus."

Well, maybe they are Jesus, but they die before we get a chance to find out.

"Funny. But you know, I heard someone else say that on TV, and it got me thinkin'. The person pointed out that, like Jesus, these nuts gather a bunch of followers and isolate themselves out in the country. Then some time later they come back to civilization claimin' the Messiah is here. Of course, most people laugh at 'em or run away. And the religious leaders get all huffy and point to the Bible, claimin' the nut is not who he says he is. All this, in turn, gets the messiah and his group mad, an' they all stomp back into the wilderness. The next time we hear from him is when they've killed themselves or someone else."

STEPHEN MCINTYRE
columnist

So what does this have to do with Jesus?

"Well, the way I figure, how do we know Jesus is who he says he is? How do we know he was not some nut with a bunch of followers claimin' he was the Messiah? To tell the truth, we don't. All we have are a bunch of followers claimin' he's the Messiah, just like that David guy does."

But what about the miracles and the resurrection?

"What about 'em? No one was there, 'cept his followers, and we can't be sure they were telling the truth."

So how does that change your view of God?

"I'll get to that in a moment. As this lady kept talking on TV, she mentioned a couple other religions that don't believe in Jesus but also have problems of their own. One of 'em was the Muslims."

You mean Islam. You should keep in mind that they also believe in Jesus, though he is a prophet to them rather than the Son of God.

"Whatever. It doesn't matter because they've got problems, too. They just don't seem to know when to stop fighting. And when they're not fightin' with each other, they're terrorizing everyone. Jews, other Muslims, Americans — it doesn't matter."

It's not fair for you to label the whole religion based on the actions of a few extremists.

"Yeah? Can you name me five mostly-Muslim countries that are stable and peaceful? How about one where some group isn't prepared to revolt and take over? And even if you could, there are a lot of wackos out there who are prepared to kill in the name of their God. Heck, didn't they arrest a Muslim for blowin' up part of that building in New York?"

They arrested a Muslim, yes, but they're not sure he's who they're after. They still have months of investigating to do, so we won't know if he did it for awhile.

"Even if he didn't do it, there are other things that religion can be held responsible for. The same goes for Jewish and Hindu people."

Okay, then, what's your point?

"My point is everyone's god can't be the right god. I mean, isn't God's pose to be merciful and loving? So how can he be all that and also back everything that's going on? How can He be blessing a bomb goin' off in New York and the stand-off down in Texas? How can He be givin' thumbs up for the war over in Europe? How can He be approving of the way His church leaders cheat millions from their followers so that their prayers are heard better?"

Hmmm, it sounds like you have a problem with the problem of evil in the world.

"No, the only problem I have is an image problem. And when I have a problem with an image, there's only one thing left for me to do."

What's that?

"Stop believing the image is for real."



Alternative taxing needed

Taxes, taxes and more taxes.

That's all we've been hearing about in the last couple of months.

First, there was President Clinton's economic plan with tax hikes for everyone. Now, our own city fathers want to join the bandwagon by proposing a new sales tax to improve the Civic Auditorium.

Granted, it's only a half-cent increase for just one year. But don't you think the people have had enough?

The proposed tax would not be for a useless cause. The auditorium could certainly use some improvements with the result being more convention business and, therefore, more money in our pockets.

The big concern is whether all other financing alternatives have been thoroughly studied. And, if a tax is absolutely necessary, why not raise such items as cigarettes and alcohol? The city could probably raise enough money on those two items alone to pay for the improvements.

A sales tax, implemented on the basic necessities of daily life, would cut into the pockets of many people who simply

can't afford it.

Another question is whether the tax would be for one year only as proposed. If this tax did indeed raise the necessary funds for the auditorium, would the politicians be eager to eliminate this added source of revenue for other projects.

During the mid-1970s, the Legislature proposed a "temporary" tax on cigarettes to fund the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln. The last time we checked, that tax was still on the smokes.

Omaha City Councilman Steve Tomasek said last week he was likely to oppose a sales-tax increase, indicating other alternatives

should be sought.

He joins another councilman, Steve Exon, in opposition to the idea.

Tomasek did mention he would support placing the tax question on the May 11 ballot. We have no problem with that.

This is an issue that the citizens, and only the citizens, should decide. If they approve the tax, fine. If not, then the politicians will have gotten a message that the people are fed up with taxes, taxes and more taxes.

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Letters

'Hooters' a blatant degradation of women

Dear Editor:

The members of the UNO Students for Choice Organization are writing to protest the opening of the restaurant "Hooters." We feel that it is a blatant degradation of women. One definition, the slang term for a woman's breasts, of the word "Hooters," is made apparent in their advertisements. Although the advertisement also includes an owl's eyes, the reference to and exploitation of a specific part of a woman's anatomy is well indicated.

This mind set by the restaurant is also assumed in the establishment itself, and is witnessed by the required attire of the waitstaff (read: female waiters) as evident of the billboards. It is apparent to us that the goal of the advertisements are not to promote good dining (what are the restaurant's specialties?), but to promote good "hooters."

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Kennedy defends his record in the Senate

Dear Editor:

My letter is in response to the psycho-babble that Sen. Melissa Faltin wrote (*Gateway*, March 2). First, I will not back away from my position that student funds should not be used to fund a paper that is used as a "bully pulpit." As a senator, it is my responsibility to make sure that student funds are being used in a responsible manner. Evidently Sen. Faltin does not take her responsibilities seriously. I also challenge Sen. Faltin's assertion that I have a poor attendance record because of my busy schedule. Let me set the record straight. I have served two years on the student senate. In that time, I have missed only one meeting. Maybe if Sen. Faltin actually listened to what was said during our senate meetings, she would have heard my explanation for my absence. I was attending a Republican legislative committee meeting of which I am a member. During that meeting I represented the interests of UNO students and our opposition to further budget cuts and tuition increases. Maybe these issues aren't important to you, Sen. Faltin, but they are to me. Sen. Faltin, I'm glad you have attended all the meetings this year, but being a warm body in a plastic seat does not make a good senator. I am proud

of my record and my tenacity in fighting for the students of UNO.

In closing, my response to your attack on myself and my record can be summarized by the words of the great philosopher M.C. of Hammer: "CAN'T TOUCH THIS!"

Mike Kennedy

Student senator

UNO jazz ensemble well worth the time

Dear Editor:

I attended the Feb. 26 performances of the UNO Great Plains Jazz Festival. For the 16,990 or so of you in the student body and faculty who did NOT attend, this concert featured UNO jazz combos and accomplished guest soloists. The music was great!

For bringing us this opportunity to experience "jazz at home," I would like to thank Dr. Steven Rehbein, director of the UNO jazz program, the other organizers required for an event of this magnitude, and the guest artists who gave of their time and talent to mentor the student musicians. Your hard work and dedication resulted in outstanding performances.

UNO is fortunate to have a jazz program of this caliber. I would strongly encourage the rest of the student body to support the arts at YOUR university. Historically, they have been a favorite target for members of the Legislature, wielding the budget axe. Attend a play, or a choral concert, take an art appreciation class, GET INVOLVED! But whatever you do, don't miss the next performance of the UNO jazz ensemble! They are worthy of your time.

Karen Johnson

UNO student

Faculty competence deserves more credit

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the positive image conveyed in the article by Kim Despins (*Gateway*, Feb. 26), "Grants give projects life." However, I do have a major concern about the article. It did not give adequate credit to the contributions of the faculty and other administrative staff in producing external funding revenues for this campus. Without the ideas, efforts, and competence of the faculty, there would be far fewer, if any, external grant revenues to report.

The high revenues reported by the Office of Sponsored Projects on this campus depend most heavily upon the quality and diligence of the faculty and supportive staff. Yes, we help them whenever called upon to do so, but some of them use us only to obtain the correct guidelines and application forms, get administration signatures, avoid delays, produce extra copies, and

package the proposals for mailing. Others draw heavily upon our expertise to make their external proposals more competitive.

In either case, success derives from a symbiotic relationship.

Richard S. Thill

Associate dean for graduate studies and research

True meaning of 'Fir Bolg' clouded

Dear Editor:

Many *Gateway* readers will be surprised to learn (though they may not care one way or another) that "firbolg" is not a nonsense word, but has a meaning. In Irish mythology, the Fir Bolgs are an ancient tribe that migrated to Ireland from Greece, inhabiting mainly Connaught (see Geoffrey Ashe, "Mythology of the British Isles," 1990). As an Irish fan of Celtic mythology, I've been waiting years for the Fir Bolgs to come to the attention of the general public. At last, it has happened!

But in what prejudicial terms. Not only does Mr. O'Connell disrespect the Fir Bolgs by failing to capitalize their name, but he goes on to slur these ancestors of the Irish — at least, I took "disgusting, maybe even paternalistic," to be somewhat derogatory. Also, "paternalistic" is incorrect; female characters in Irish mythology are quite powerful.

I guess if "firbolgism" is eliminated from contention as a substitute for "racism," we're back to the "prejudice + power = racism" formula with which I agree.

Mary Ann Lamanna

UNO faculty

Distorted views might defeat the purpose

Dear Editor:

The recent responses to Daren Schrat's editorial "Racism abused word" (*Gateway*, Feb. 12), have all been arguments that show some insight on the part of their writers, but even one mistaken or distorted view of something can defeat the purpose a person is trying to achieve in the first place. "Race" and "ethnicity" are invented words which have been overused and abused. To me, it is a given that people should "have the courage to see through and with their eyes of others..." (*Gateway*, Feb. 23), but this is something that everyone who lives conscientiously will do; this responsibility does not only rest with people of a white tone or a black tone or any other of a particular-toned group exclusively. This seems like a very clear point, yet some people still want to single out a certain type of person — that "type" being determined by "race." In the name of protecting certain of

these "races," many people overlook the fact that we are all living on the same planet, and underneath all our differences and different skin tones, we are essentially the same: all our lives have inherent dignity. The tendency to become fanatical about certain concepts is all too easy to fall into; then, any kind of proper perspective on something is lost.

Walter Lippmann, considered one of the outstanding journalists of this century, examined the habit of stereotyping: "Whatever we recognize as familiar we tend, if we are not very careful, to visualize with the aid of images already in our mind ... For when a system of stereotypes is well fixed, our attention is called to those facts which support it, and diverted from those which contradict." He explains: "[T]he stereotypes are loaded with preference, suffused with affection or dislike, attached to fears, lusts, strong wishes, pride, hope ... Neither justice, nor mercy, nor truth, enter into such a judgement, for the judgement has preceded the evidence." In estimating that a society with an "altogether neutral vision" is unrealistic, he says, "The quality of their thinking and doing will depend on whether those prejudices are friendly, friendly to other people, to other ideas, whether they evoke love of what is felt to be positively good, rather than hatred of what is not contained in their version of the good." By extension, I think Mr. Lippmann is saying that, when standing up for what is right or against what is wrong, we must look at things properly and in unbiased terms; otherwise, each of our preconceived notions will continue to serve as the sounding board for issues that have long been confused.

Audrey Marxer

UNO student

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Placing the blame will not get rid of racism

Dear Editor:

I find myself once again in the position of having to correct statements and ideas attributed to me without any basis in fact. Dr. Gillespie (*Gateway*, Feb. 23) is the latest to lump me into a category which she has no way of knowing I fit into, and attributing ideas and arguments to me that I have never made. For the record, I have never claimed or argued that "racism is just the random actions of a few particular individuals who are poorly motivated—who, at worst hate others because of their skin color." I have also never claimed that racism does not provide privileges to some at the expense of others. What I have said is that racism, both institutional and individual, goes both ways, and that

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Mavs grab second

Seven UNO wrestlers finish All-Americans

By TIM ROHWER

The UNO wrestling team finished No. 2 in the nation at the NCAA Division II national wrestling tournament thanks to a No. 1 job by Jeff Sill.

Sill won the national championship in the 126-lb. weight division Saturday and sparked the Mavs to overcome North Dakota State University (NDSU) for second-place honors at the meet held Friday and Saturday in Brookings, S.D.

The Mavericks finished with 68 points, two-and-a-half points ahead of NDSU. Central Oklahoma State University (COSU) dominated the tournament, finishing with 103 points. It was the second straight team championship for COSU.

Sill's victory against Southern Colorado University's Mannie Garcia in the championship round came just after NDSU took a slight lead on the Mavericks.

"Before Jeff's match, Brian Kapusta of North Dakota State won the 118-lb. match and they went up by one-and-a-half points," said UNO Coach Mike Denney. "But we got four points from Jeff's victory and that secured second place for us because North Dakota State didn't have any wrestlers remaining in the championship round. It probably was Jeff's best performance all year."

Sill led Garcia 4-3 in the third period before a takedown earned him two points that secured the victory. He added another point for advantage time to win the match 7-4. Sill finished the season with a 32-8 record.

Dan Radik, the Mavericks' 177-lb. wrestler, also competed in the championship round, losing to Mike Leberknight of Northern Colorado University. Radik finished the season with a 35-8 record.

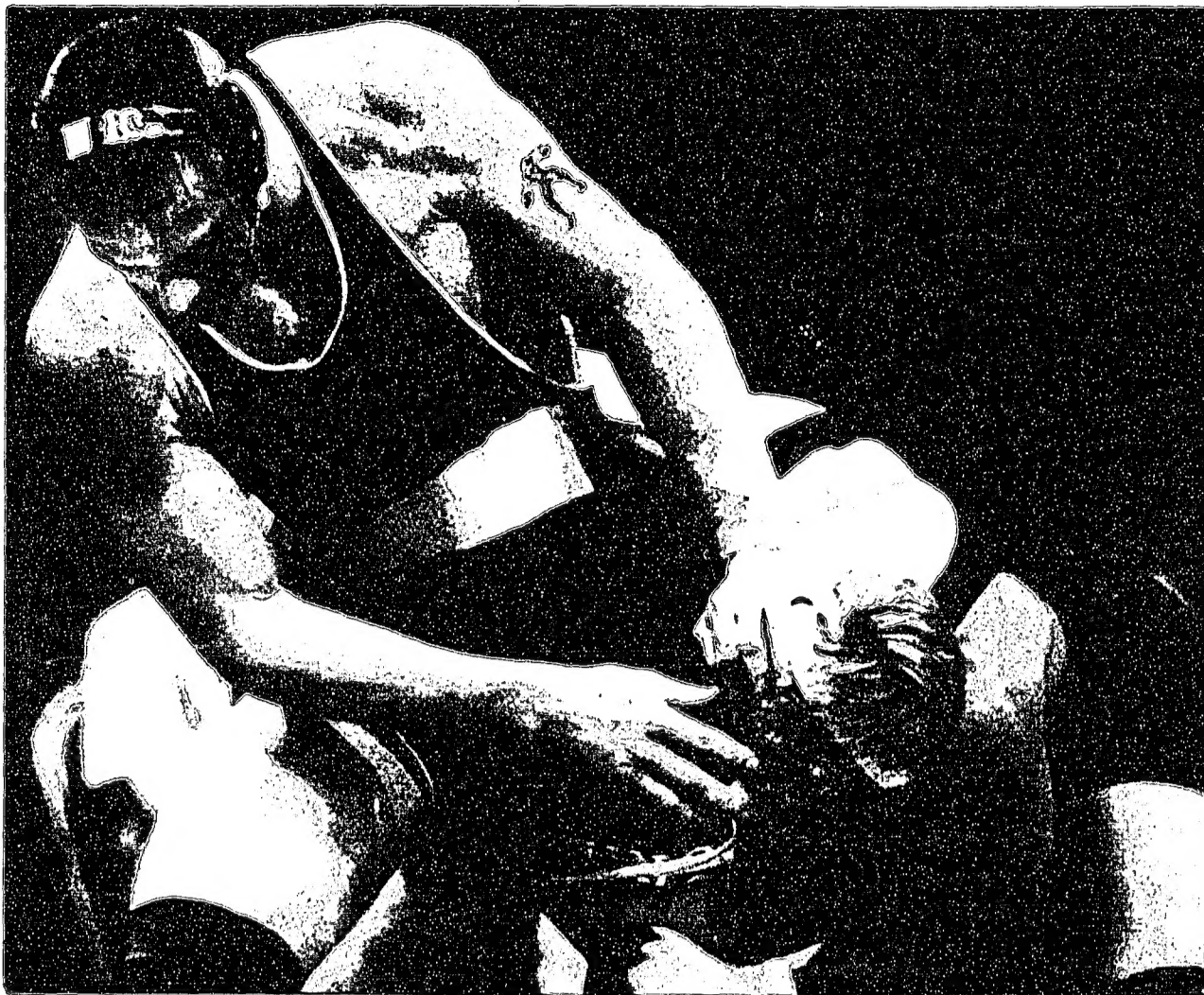
Overall, UNO had seven All-Americans, equaling a school record set in 1988. The top eight finishers in each weight division earn All-American honors.

Jimmie Foster, 118 lbs., Steve Costanzo, 142 lbs., and Darin Tietz at heavyweight earned seventh-place finishes with victories Saturday.

Marc Bauer, the Mavs' 134-lb. wrestler, posted a 3-2 win against Martin Segovin of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, then avenged a first-round loss to Tony DeAnda of Augustana College with a 6-4 overtime victory for third place in that division.

Pat Kelly, wrestling in the 190-lb division, won three matches, including a 13-5 victory against NDSU's Robert Finneseth to finish third. Kelly finished the season with 40 wins, the most victories on the team.

Denney said he was pleased with his team's performance, especially since they were in fifth place after Friday's



All-American Dan Radik takes care of an opponent in earlier action.

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first-round action.

"On Saturday, we really got after it. On Friday, I think they were a little tight. Some of that was probably my fault," he said. "I didn't have them relaxed. We just didn't perform. We weren't sharp. I guess we wanted it too much."

After Friday's action, UNO had 19 1/2 points, compared to COSU's 38 points and NDSU's 34 points.

"We were 14 1/2 points down to NDSU and that's a lot of points to make up, but we did it. They got knocked down (on Friday), but the important thing is they came back strong," Denney said.

Saturday's performance by the Mavs included 12 victories in 16 matches. Even the four defeats were close, Denney said.

"Steve Costanzo lost in overtime, Darin Tietz lost by a point, Jimmie Foster lost by a point, and Dan Radik lost to the national champion. Our team performance on Saturday was nothing short of outstanding," Denney said.

This year's team was special, he added. "They were one of our better teams. We've been fortunate to have great teams at UNO and this was one of them," Denney said. "I couldn't have been prouder."



Jeff Sill, holding his championship plaque, topped his division Saturday.

—ED CARLSON

Sill crowned national champion

By TIM ROHWER

UNO wrestler Jeff Sill is the best at what he does. Sill was crowned national champion in the 126-lb. division after defeating Southern Colorado University's Mannie Garcia 7-4 Saturday at the NCAA Division II national wrestling tournament in Brookings, S.D.

Sill said it was an award he did not expect. "Before the season began, I had two goals — to win 30 matches and to be named All-American. I achieved both of those goals, but the national champion, I didn't expect it," he said.

Sill's victory over Garcia capped a 32-8 season for the senior from Carl Junction, Mo.

"Truly, it was like a dream," he said. "A picture-perfect way to end the season."

Besides Garcia, Sill said he also had to battle his nerves concerning the match.

"I wasn't too nervous until they had the Parade of Champions, which featured the top two wrestlers in each division being honored before the championship round. It started to set in after that," he said.

Sill's match came after Brian Kapusta of North Dakota State University (NDSU) won the 118-lb. division. Kapusta's victory gave NDSU a slight lead over UNO in the team standings.

"After Kapusta won, I was concerned," Sill said. "But I just wanted to perform. I knew that if I performed the way I could, I'd win."

Sill's victory gave UNO enough points to overtake NDSU and secured a second-place finish for the Mavs. UNO finished with 68 points, compared to Central Oklahoma State University's 103 1/2 points.

"Central Oklahoma has got an awesome team. It was basically a fight for second place," Sill said.

The championship match between Sill and Garcia was the second time the two wrestled each other this year. Sill defeated Garcia 14-8 in a February match. Saturday's match was different, Sill said.

"It was a different situation this time because so much more was riding on it," he said.

Saturday's championship match was close in the early going with the score tied at two after the first period. It was still undecided after the second period with Sill leading by just one point, 4-3. Then came the turning point came late in the third and final period, Sill said.

"With about 45 seconds left, I took him down and that made the score 6-4. Then, I felt I could ride him out. I got another point for riding time which is the advantage time you have in controlling your opponent," he said. "Before the match, I believed I could beat him, but I didn't want to be overconfident."

Sill wrestled Garcia before an estimated crowd of nearly 2,220 in the Fieldhouse at South Dakota State University. Sill said he didn't notice the crowd until an incident occurred late in the first period.

"The clock messed up and the match had to be halted for a moment," he said. "The crowd started booing and I thought they may have been booing me for trying to take too much time."

Sill said he is going to miss wrestling for UNO.

"The ride has been so perfect, but it's time to get off. We have a saying on the team that when you leave you 'pass the torch' to the younger players. Now it's time to pass the torch and let someone else get on the ride."

Exhibits and displays to fill Holiday Inn Central

KidzExplore to provide 'hands-on' activities

By ELIZABETH TAPE

The Holiday Inn Central will transform into a wonderland of children's activities when it hosts the first annual KidzExplore March 13 and 14, sponsored by Kidz Magazine and Children's Hospital.

Lisa Mellen, publisher of Kidz Magazine and co-owner with KKCD owner Diny Landen, said the event has been in the planning stages for some time.

Featuring more than 70 "fun, creative, innovative hands-on" activities for children, Mellen said, KidzExplore will include computer games, geography games and a pre-school playland.

"Children's Hospital has created a mini hands-on hospital, where children can check in, try on surgical gloves and masks, go through an emergency room, an x-ray area, a

poison control center. They'll get to know a little bit about a hospital, so if they ever have to make a trip there, they won't be as scared," Mellen said.

Other exhibits, Mellen said, include a geography area set up by Travel and Transport and IBM's presentation in "Education Alley."

Other displays will include bookstores and toy stores, Nebraska ETV, Fontenelle Forest, Henry Doorly Zoo and many cultural organizations, including the Omaha Children's Museum, Mellen said.

Organizers have planned two special events on Friday besides the displays, Mellen said.

"It's our Outreach Day," she said. "We've invited several non-profit organizations and schools that serve underprivileged families and children who couldn't otherwise come to the event. We're busing them in and they get to come

through free of charge. Our goal is to try to serve the community and all families as much as possible."

KidzExplore will have a benefit for Children's Hospital, featuring Barney in three sing-a-longs Friday.

Barney, PBS's giant purple and green dinosaur, is one of the event's many highlights, Mellen said.

An interesting part of the event, Mellen said, is that exhibitors will not be allowed to sell their products.

"We want kids to be able to work on activities in a fun and educational environment, without having to buy anything."

Mellen said the event has elicited enthusiasm from those involved in many different ways.

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statements and claims that only whites can be racist are racist.

I agree with Dr. Gillespie's statement that racial equality will come when people learn to conduct their lives in ways that respect and acknowledge the rights we all have as human beings. I differ with her on one very key point. This type of conduct should not be expected of only white people as Dr. Gillespie says, but should be the goal of all people regardless of race.

Most of the views that I disagree with hold that racism is a whites-only affliction, and that minorities can't be racist. The solution to race problems that has been associated with that viewpoint is to "enlighten" white people to the "fact" that they are all racist (without exception) and that they and only they can create a better society by changing their inherent racism. This "solution" has been tried for the past 30-40 years in this country, and the results are quite clear. Racism is still with us, but now it has taken on new forms. Up to the 1860s it was legal and socially acceptable in this country for a white person to own a black person. The fact that it was legal and acceptable did not make this discrimination right. We now live in a society where it is perfectly legal and acceptable to discriminate on the basis of skin color, as long as the person being discriminated against is a member of the "majority." The new federal administration has made this quite clear in its endeavors to hire people for government jobs based not on their qualifications, but on their skin color. It has also been made clear in Department of Social

Services policies which attempt to deny adoption of a black child by a white couple because the couple is not "racially or ethnically matched with the child."

These and the myriad of other examples of individual and institutionalized racism attest to the fact that racism in this country goes both ways. The solution will not be found by blaming one group of people for the disease that afflicts all of us. It is a problem that all of us must address; and I agree with Dr. Gillespie that the solution starts with each individual, regardless of race, removing racism from his/her everyday activities, by attempting to "see through and with the eyes of others."

Dr. Gary L. Krause
UNO faculty

Racism difficult to define

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Buddy Hogan, Jr., (Gateway, March 2).

Racism is a very difficult term to define. I believe everyone has a definition. Let me state mine. Racist: to discriminate, or to convey negative feelings or attitudes toward a person strictly because of the color of their skin.

To say people of color can only discriminate rather than being racist is like saying only the good die young. Excuse me, the pure

are the only ones afflicted with perpetual immobility and lack of thought prior to the onset of death due to natural causes as a complication of aging.

I also believe everyone, including Mr. Hogan, myself, President Bill Clinton, the pope and Chancellor Del Weber could be racist if put under certain circumstances. An example of this might be a person losing their job, coming home and finding their significant other has left them, getting an eviction notice and on their way to the store having someone inadvertently cut in front of them, causing them to lose control and total their brand new car. After this long, and extremely stressful day, a person may utter or think a racist term based strictly on the color of a person's skin.

Would I be racist if I called someone "white trash" or "honkey" even though I am white? Yes.

I am making a statement because of their skin color rather than their actions. What if a blue-skinned person called a pink colored person "pinkie?" "Pinkie" is used as a racist term in this example. According to your definition, they would not be. Why? But if a European-American used a racist term towards a person of color (including white, because it is a color), they would be.

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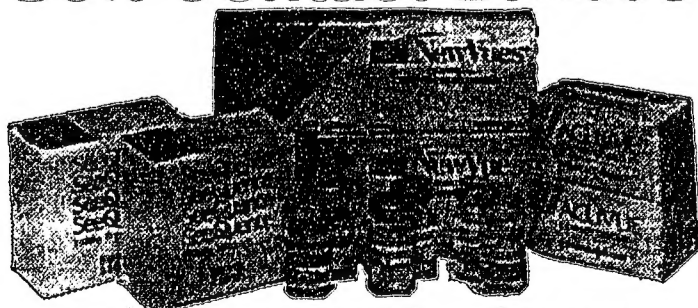
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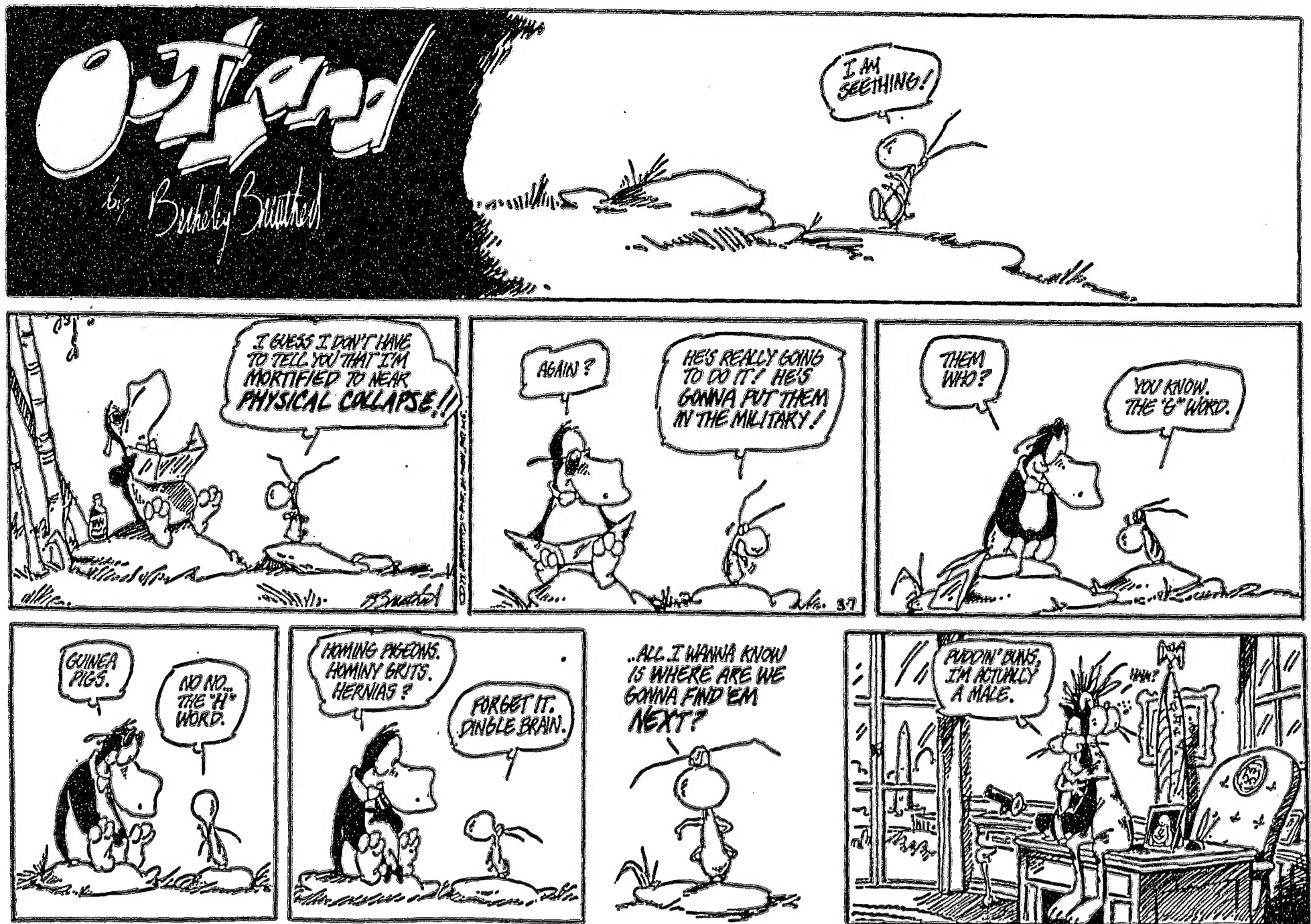
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hesays suddenly. "That's my drawing teacher over there." He indicates a woman in a one-piece bathing suit and swim cap.

"It's really slow on Fridays; the rest of the week is really packed. The most we've had were two people in a lane," Nemec says, referring to the floating ropes dividing the pool into six swimming lanes.

Nemec sits in the lifeguard chair for half-hour shifts. He says that rotation is necessary to keep awareness keen.

As he climbs down the ladder, the other lifeguard climbs up. Nemec stands beside the 82 degree water for a moment, then

crosses to the sundeck to open the door a little.

"It's getting a bit hot in here," he says.

During his "break" from the chair, he points out the attractions of the pool: a staircase to assist the physically disabled people getting into the water, yellow plastic decks called "tot docks" for toddlers to stand on so they are chest-level in the pool and a seven-foot by four-foot observation pit.

"We use this to film swimmers at the beginning and end of their swim classes to show them, how they are doing," Nemec says.

"It's weird seeing yourself swimming because it's different from what you think you're doing," Nemec says. "But it's fun, too. Some people make funny faces when they swim, and they don't even know it."

Nemec climbs out of the pit and resumes his post on the lifeguard chair. He notices a woman doing the backstroke.

"I hope she's gonna watch those flags," Nemec says under his breath. His eyes are fixed on the person as she glances up and feels for the edge.

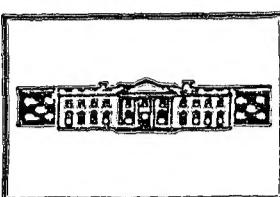
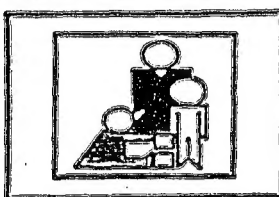
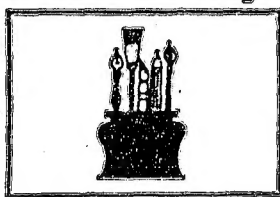
"Yep, she did. That scared me for a minute."

At 7:30 p.m. the pool closes. Nemec makes a final check for foreign objects on the deck or in the water. A toddler swimming class is on the schedule for the next morning, so Nemec submerges the lot dock.

Nemec is drawn to the pool because of the atmosphere.

"At one time I thought I'd apply for a lifeguard position in California, but there was a two-year waiting list," Nemec says. "It's just such a positive and healthy environment here, I'm content with being inside." Nemec says. "But, I would someday like to be outside, by the ocean."

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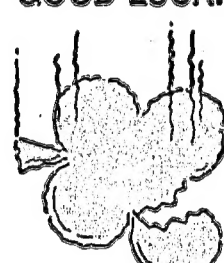
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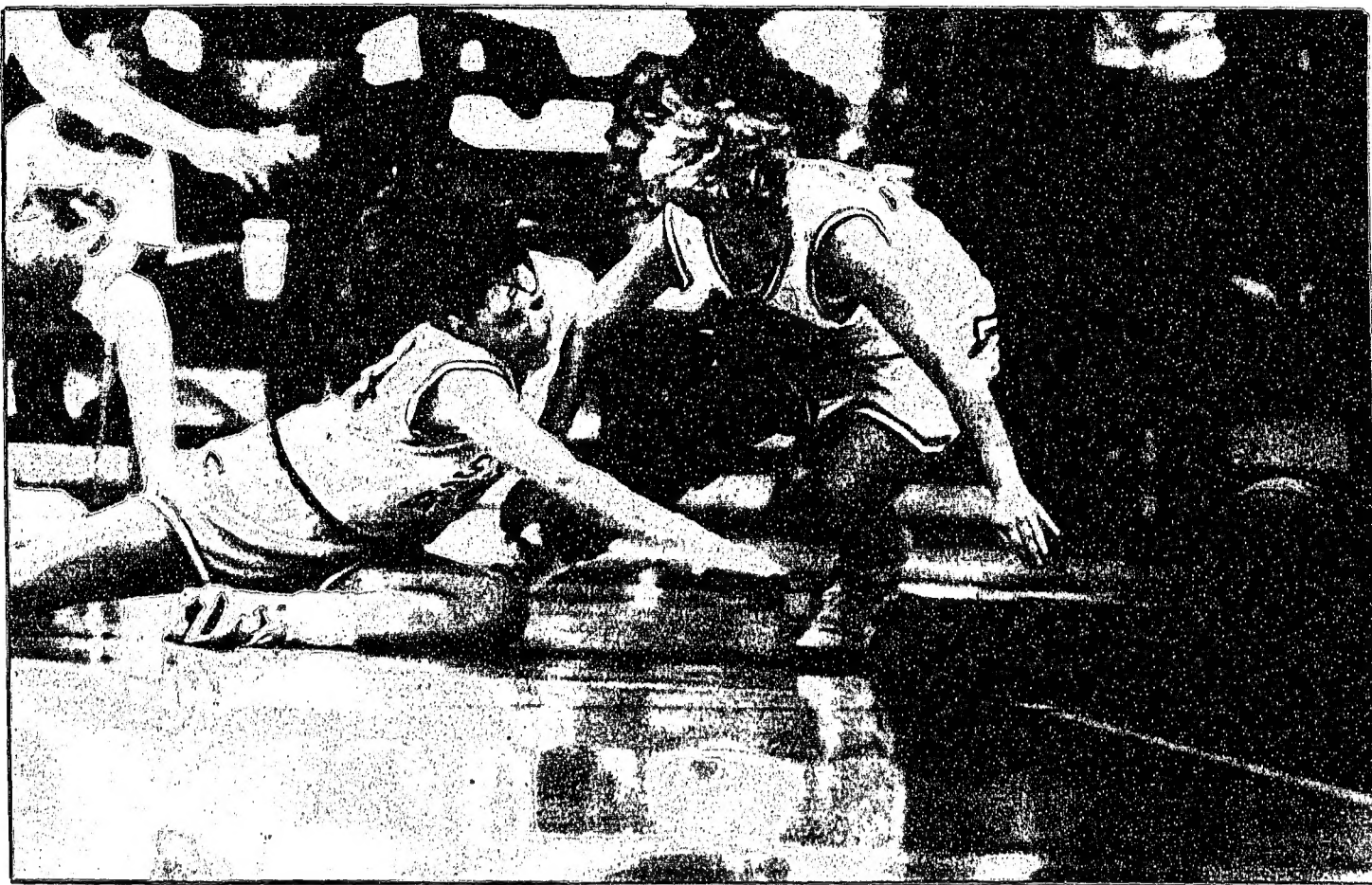
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UNO senior Marsha Moore scrambles for the ball against South Dakota State Saturday.

—Ed Carlson

Jackrabbits pounce on UNO

By Eric Johnson

The Lady Mavs finished their season on a losing note over the weekend, falling to the Augustana Vikings 80-60 Friday, and the South Dakota State University (SDSU) Jackrabbits 75-59 Saturday.

Augustana, ranked No. 9 in Division II, got off to a fast start, forcing UNO to play catch up almost from the beginning. The Lady Mavs' defense kept things within reach, never letting Augustana's lead grow beyond 13 points during the half.

UNO sophomore center Shonna Tryon and senior center Sandy Skradski began hitting the basket with regularity and cut the deficit to four points midway through the first half. The Vikings, though, wouldn't let up and went to the locker room at the half leading by eight points.

Tryon and Skradski tried to put UNO ahead in the second half, but couldn't come closer than four.

Skradski was the only Lady Mav in double digits with a total of 19 points. UNO finished with a 31 percent team shooting percentage, compared to Augustana's 44 percent.

"They're like an NBA team," said Lady Mav Coach Cherri Mankenberg about Augustana. "They're a very good shooting team. It was a much closer game than the score indicated."

On Saturday night, UNO came out with an effective defensive press, fighting for rebounds from the start. The Jackrabbits, though, also had a tough defense that made the Lady Mavs work for every point. UNO was able to create some defensive turnovers and convert on them.

Mankenberg got a technical less than five minutes into the game after getting upset with some of the referee's calls.

The foul did not affect the team, and possibly inspired the Lady Mavs. Freshman center Michelle Clifford's offensive rebounds put UNO in the lead by two with 10 minutes left in the half. Both teams played close with the Jackrabbits, leading by one at the half.

Early in the second half, UNO's offense began to falter. Mistakes created easy turnovers for the Jackrabbits, and the Lady Mavs were left trying to get their shooting together.

Once again, UNO was within 10 points for most of the second half, but couldn't make up lost ground. SDSU shut Skradski down and began fast breaking around the Lady Mavs' press. A couple three pointers increased the Jacks' lead and the visitors coasted to a 16-point win.

The Jackrabbits hit 50 percent of their shots and had five players finish in double digits.

The Lady Mavs outbounded South Dakota State by 11, but hit only 39 percent of their shots. Mankenberg said shooting has plagued

the team all year.

"A lot of that has to do with confidence. We had some breakdowns on defense," she said. "What killed us was they shot 50 percent from the field, we shot 39 percent. We've been in the 30s all year."

Saturday's game was the final contest for center Skradski and guards Marsha Moore and Lisa Rath. Skradski led the Lady Mavs with 22 points, while Moore added 11. Rath had two points.

Skradski closed her career with 1,582 career points, fifth-highest in UNO women's history. Her 615 career rebounds tops a North Central Conference (NCC) record.

The Lady Mavs finished the season with a 4-14 record in the NCC and 7-19 overall.

Without a post-season NCC tournament, Mankenberg said it's time to rebuild and begin preparations for summer workouts.

"I'm pretty sure this group is going to want to work hard over the summer," she said. "We've got a lot of young kids returning. It's what you do in the summer that makes you a player next year."

Mankenberg said she has some big shoes to fill with the graduation of the three seniors.

"Our seniors are really going to be missed. Right away we need to go to the drawing board for next year. It's up to the players who steps up and becomes our leader."

Vondras qualifies for nationals

UNO's Linda Vondras qualified for her second event in the NCAA Division II national women's indoor track meet by posting a time of 7.15 seconds in the 55-meter dash at a meet in Lincoln Saturday.

She has already qualified for the nationals in the long jump.

Vondras' performance on Saturday in the 55-meter dash broke her own school record of 7.28 seconds set earlier this year.

Two other runners will learn Tuesday if their performances on Saturday will merit a trip to the nationals. They are Barb Keefover, who ran 2:16.15 in the 800-meter race, and Kim Osler, who ran the 55-meter hurdles in 8.27 seconds.

Royals begin season in Florida

The Omaha Royals begins their exhibition season Tuesday with a game against the Edmonton Trappers at the Royals' spring-training headquarters in Haines City, Fla.

The game marks the first of 18 exhibition games in preparation for their regular season, which begins April 8 in Buffalo, N.Y.

Fighting for second to last

After reading about the disappointment UNO wrestlers felt on their second place finish at the national tournament last weekend, I couldn't help thinking back to junior high school and a wrestler named Mike.

Mike was a terrible wrestler. In fact, he spent more time on his back than his feet.

But what I remember most was his last match for our school, which was closing because there weren't enough students. Mike knew he would never make a team at a larger school.

Because of his terrible record (0-for-life, all pins), Mike never allowed his mother to watch him wrestle. She was a single parent who worked hard to support him, so Mike felt she should earn money rather than see her only son get rolled.

In his last match, Mike was scheduled to wrestle someone as bad as he was, if that was possible. If he was going to win a match, this was the one. In fact, Mike made no secret of his expected victory, and even asked his mother to attend.

When Mike's mother arrived in the gymnasium, her son was nowhere to be seen. I went into the locker room to find Mike staring blankly at the floor. I didn't need to ask what he was thinking.

Finally, Mike emerged from the locker room without making eye contact with anyone, not even his mother.

MICHAEL MESSERLY
sports columnist

Mike ran to the mat amid thunderous applause. It seemed everyone had come to this match — students, teachers, janitors, and Mike's mother.

But things didn't start out well for Mike in the first period. He was taken down twice easily, though he scored on two escapes his rival gave him. The score was 4-2 in favor of the other guy.

In the second period, the match was at a standstill until the end when Mike's opponent scored another takedown, making the score 6-3 now in favor of his opponent.

Despite the score, there was great joy in the ol' gym. Mike had survived two periods of action without being pinned. No one dared bring up the fact Mike was still capable of winning. Who wanted to be the one to jinx the poor guy?

Before the start of the third period, Mike finally made eye contact with his mother. She raised her fist and shook it, smiling at her son.

In the third period, (as if you didn't already see this coming), Mike produced a miracle. He somehow managed to put the kid on his back and was in prime pinning position. The place was going nuts. The noise level was unreal. Mike's mother began to cry.

Everyone thought Mike not only had a chance to keep from being pinned, but to win by a pin, no less. No way. It seemed too good to be true. It was.

In his effort to pin the kid, Mike wore himself out. His opponent seized the moment by scoring a reversal and then stalled his way for a 8-6 victory.

After standing by, watching his opponent's hand being raised, Mike went to thank his mother for coming. He apologized for losing as she kissed her dejected son.

I followed Mike into the locker room. As I entered, I found Mike lying on a bench, crying. I walked up to him and asked him if that was the biggest match of his life. I know, dumb question, Mike composed himself for a moment and said, "No, that was the biggest moment of my life." Enough said.

While the Mavericks were disappointed by finishing second, Mike would have been happy to finish second to last.

Sports Shorts

Second doubleheader postponed due to inclement weather

Sunday's baseball doubleheader between UNO and Peru State College was postponed because of muddy fields. The games have been rescheduled for April 2, Mav Coach Bob Gates said.

The doubleheader will start at 1:30 p.m. at College World Series (CWS) Park on 82nd Street, directly south of Interstate 80.

It was the second straight UNO doubleheader postponed because of poor weather.

The Mavs' scheduled doubleheader last Tuesday at Northwest Missouri State University was postponed until April 20.

Weather permitting, UNO will open its season Saturday at CWS Park with a doubleheader against Doane College. The Mavs will host two games against Nebraska Wesleyan Sunday.

Both doubleheaders begin at 1:30 p.m.

100th anniversary brings change

By Kim Despins

March marks the 100th anniversary of women's basketball, and UNO Women's Coach Cherri Mankenberg said she's seen tremendous changes in the sport.

Mankenberg said she's seen women's basketball evolve from a six-on-six half-court game to the current five-on-five full-court style. Mankenberg said she played six-on-six basketball while in high school in Iowa. The year she entered college at Wayne State in Nebraska was the first year for five-on-five basketball. Before, she said, colleges had been playing half-court basketball (six-on-six) with two rovers.

Mankenberg said she began playing at a young age.

"I've had a basketball in my hands since I was in third grade," she said. "I had the opportunity to witness the evolution for women of basketball from the half-court game, to the two-rover game, to the five-on-five game."

Not only has the style of play changed, Mankenberg said, but also the talent of the players. She said the talent, skill level and coaching have improved greatly in recent years.

"The greatest thing has been the skill level of the players," she said. "Athletes every year get better and better and better."

Mankenberg said changes have also come in high school basketball. Mankenberg's first year of coaching at UNO was also the first year a high school girls' state basketball tournament was held in Nebraska.

"It was a great opportunity for me to, after one year, see the growth."

Mankenberg came to UNO in 1976, six years after UNO's first women's basketball team. Women's basketball first came to UNO in 1968 as a club sport. The 1970-71 season was UNO's first with a sanctioned women's team.

In her 30 years at UNO, Women's Athletic Director Connie Claussen said she, too, has seen many changes in women's basketball. She said the addition of the three-point goal and the 30-second shot clock are especially big changes.

The athletes, Claussen added, are stronger, faster and more physical because of weight training programs and athletes start-



—UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

The 1925 Omaha University women's basketball team. In the early years of women's basketball, the players wore bloomers, as shown here.

ing at a younger age.

Mankenberg said the popularity of women's basketball has also grown because of its evolution.

"People were making fun of the game the first year. Now there are real fans of girls' and women's basketball."

"People love a winner. And if you've got a successful program, whether it be girls' or boys', it will draw the fans," she said. "They love to watch winners compete."

Mankenberg cited UNO's 1987 women's team as an example. That year, she said, the Lady Mavs were ranked fifth in the nation and the men's team was struggling. By the end of the season the women were outdrawing the men at home games.

She said the recognition and the improved media coverage helped the team draw crowds.

"It's a kind of like a domino effect," Mankenberg said. "The more people know about the game, the more will come out and watch."

Mankenberg said the future looks bright for the sport.

"I can only see it getting better and better," she said. "We don't have the dunk, but there will be a woman down the road that will dunk it. I don't know when, but as the quality of athletes gets better that's going to happen."

Girls' high school basketball also is making changes. This year marks the end of six-on-six basketball in Iowa, with next year the start of the five-on-five game.

Claussen said the change will make recruiting easier. Mankenberg agreed that the changes will help recruiting and that they will be beneficial to girls basketball in Iowa.

"I have a lot of love for the game," Mankenberg said, "but I think it has done a great job and it's time for a change."

Mankenberg said basketball programs everywhere are improved by the presence of role models for young girls playing basketball.

"We've got young women out there that are teachers and coaches right now that were excellent athletes. Now they're excellent role models," Mankenberg said. "It's already a great game, and the future is really going to be very exciting."

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